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Dear Mark,

Re: Health and Social Care Committee – Financial Scrutiny

I am writing to you with regard to your letter of 1 June, in which you asked me to provide details of the arrangements in place for monitoring of the Welsh NHS's financial position.

Firstly, I would like to reassure the Committee I regard the management and monitoring of the NHS's financial position as a top priority and this responsibility is discharged in a number of ways by my Department. I regularly meet with the Chairs and Chief Executives of all NHS organisations where finance and financial management issues are always discussed. Finance is a mandatory agenda item at the Director General's monthly meetings with the Chief Executives. More directly, my Department's Finance Director holds monthly meetings with the Directors of Finance of all NHS organisations at which the financial position is scrutinised and discussed in great detail.

Furthermore, all NHS organisations submit detailed finance monitoring information and associated commentary to my officials on a monthly basis. This includes information on their performance against their financial targets and savings plans. Extensive scrutiny of this information is undertaken by my officials.

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The monthly financial monitoring information my officials receive from NHS organisations is comprehensive and covers many aspects of their financial situation. I do not believe it would be appropriate or practical to share all of this information with the Committee. However, I would be happy to consider providing information to the Committee in respect of any specific or targeted requests they may have.

Kind Regards
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